

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including June 13, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the fee is enclosed, which includes the process fee for a one-month extension of time. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10201589/10056.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At page 122, line 2, please replace the Abstract with the following:

--The invention provides preselected DNA sequences and methods of using them to alter the nutritional content of plant seed. Methods of the invention are directed to increasing the weight percent of an amino acid essential to the diet of animals, or increasing the starch content, of a plant. One method involves stably transforming a cell of a plant with a preselected DNA sequence encoding an RNA molecule substantially identical or complementary to a messenger RNA encoding a plant seed storage protein. An alternative method employs stably transforming cells with at least two preselected DNA sequences, one of which encodes an RNA molecule substantially identical or complementary to a messenger RNA (mRNA) encoding a plant seed storage protein, and the other preselected DNA molecule which encodes a preselected polypeptide. The transformed cells are used to generate fertile transgenic plants and seeds, which are characterized by expression of the preselected DNA sequence.--